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TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): the number of persons targeted to be provided employment by the Government under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Yojana and Rural Employment Generation Programme during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b): the number of persons so far benefited under them, year- wise;

(c): whether the said target is likely to be achieved;

(d): if so, the details thereof?

(e): the steps taken by the Government to check the migration of persons from rural areas towards cities for employment; and

(f): the other concrete steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government under various schemes to overcome the problem of unemployment in rural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The number of persons targeted to be provided employment under Pradhan Mantri Rzjgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme(REGP) during the 10th Plan are 16.5 lakhs and 25 lakhs respectively.

(b): The year wise target and achievement for the 2002-03 and 2003-04 is at Annexure-I

(c)&(d): The achievement of target set for the 10th Plan period is to be ensured through regular monitoring/review of the Schemes with the implementing agencies. Under the PMRY several steps have been taken to ensure achievement of targets like instruction to States/banks for monthly monitoring of progress as per the `Quarterly Schedule` prescribed for sponsoring, sanctioning and disbursement of applications, extension of cut-off date, fixing of minimum unit cost for projects etc. REGP has been working satisfactorily and the target for the 10th plan has been increased from 2.0 million to 2.5 million jobs. KVIC is also taking several steps to improve the performance under the Scheme. These include entrepreneurial development programmes (EDPs), exhibitions, workshops, awareness camps, and other backward-forward linkages for entrepreneurs etc.

(e)&(f): One of the objectives of both the schemes is to check the migration of the persons from rural areas by providing employment opportunities in their locality. Besides, Govt. Has enhanced the coverage of PMRY by including agriculture and allied activities (except for direct agricultural operation like raising of crops, purchase of manure etc.) for assistance under the scheme. Similarly, REGP is a employment generation programme for rural areas in the Khadi and Village Industries sector. The provision of employment in rural areas itself is expected to check the migration of persons from rural areas towards cities for employment and thus overcome the problem of unemployment in rural areas.

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4105 to be answered on 25.8.04

Year wise target and employment generated under the PMRY and REGP during the last two years i.e.2002-03 and 2003-04.

(No. in lakhs)

			PMRY		REGP	
Sl.No.	Year	Plan	Emp.Target (Nos.)	Emp. Generated Estimated (Nos.)##	Target (Nos.)#	Emp. Generated Estimated (Nos.)

1	2002-03	2.20	3.30	2.85	3.63	3.61
2	2003-04	2.20	3.30	2.23#	5.00	4.71

Provisional
Employment is estimated @ 1.5 person per disbursed case.